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Leslie Heppler - Spill report

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Date: 8/22/2012 5:16 PM
Subject: Spill report
CC: "Leslie Heppler (lheppler@utah.gov)" <lheppler@utah.gov>, "caustren@utah...
Attachments: Diesel Spill Report 8-14-12.pdf

Pat,

There is an official hard copy of this spill report on its way to you through the US mail system. Here is an electronic copy for your reference. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attn: Pat Sheehan
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RE: Simplot Phosphates' Spill Report

Dear Sir:

Please find attached the spill report for our diesel fuel spill; this incident occurred the evening of August 22, 2012. This was not a reportable spill but the division of solid and hazardous waste had been called in order to help us determine how the virgin diesel fuel spill needed to be handled. There was a question about whether the diesel fuel could be recovered or because it spilled if it was a waste and the characteristics of the diesel fuel are such that the waste would have been a hazardous waste. If that was the case then we would have become a large quantity generator of hazardous waste and need to perform notification to the state, and put contingency plans in place, etc. We were able to determine that the fuel can be recovered and used as the regular fuel. So even though this was not a reportable spill, it showed up in the records and as such we were asked to file a written spill report.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me (435) 781-3348.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Spencer".

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Simplot Phosphates LLC

Chemical Spill Report

Date of spill: August 14, 2012

Time of spill: 6:00 PM

Location of spill: Mine Diesel Storage

Estimated amount of spill (gallons): 20 gallons

Type of material spilled: Diesel Fuel

Date of Chemical Spill Report: August 14, 2012

Existing Weather conditions: Warm, dry and breezy

Reported by: Mike Garcia

Reported to (persons and/or agencies): Delrie Gale & John Spencer

Other Persons Present: _____

Description and cause of spill: Our diesel fuel supplier, Western Petroleum's delivery driver opens tank #1 or #2 valves depending on what tank needs diesel. Just prior to the incident the driver finished pumping diesel into tank #1 and he failed to close the valve when he left. Then when the mine maintenance fuel truck operator went to load diesel into unit 2083, the fuel truck, from tank #2 he failed to notice the tank #1 valve was not closed and he turned on the diesel fuel pump to start filling the fuel truck. This pulls diesel from tank #2 and the flow is evenly split between the fuel truck and tank #1, which had just been topped off. The fueller then started filling out his daily reports after a while he noticed that diesel fuel was blowing out of the vent on top of the tank #1.

Cleanup and control action taken: The diesel pump was immediately stopped. Floor dry was placed on the fuel that spilled out side of the concrete containment due to

the wind blowing. The soil contaminated with diesel was later scooped up processed through the mill, which uses diesel in the flotation process. The diesel spilled inside the containment was recovered and pumped into totes, this is fuel that will be used in the blasting process over the next while.

Effectiveness of cleanup operations: The soil contaminated with diesel has all been processed into the mill. The inside of the containment is scheduled to be steam cleaned shortly. Due to our ability to utilize diesel in the beneficiation process this is a very effective cleanup. There are no diesel residues or remains.

***In the Event of a Spill,
Complete Form and Submit to the
Environmental Department***